SENATE BILL 1787

By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17 and Title 57, Chapter 4, relative to conveyances of alcohol or other prohibited substances from a minor to a minor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-203(b)(1)(A), is amended by inserting the following sentence at the end of that subdivision:

It is not a defense to this section that a person who sells, furnishes, disposes of, gives, or causes to be sold, furnished, disposed of, or given, any alcoholic beverage to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age is also a person under twenty-one (21) years of age.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-418, is amended by inserting the following as a new subsection (g) thereto:

(g) It is not a defense to this section that a person who knowingly possesses or casually exchanges a controlled substance, or who distributes a small amount of marijuana, is a person under twenty-one (21) years of age or that a person who accepts or receives the controlled substance or marijuana is a person under twenty-one (21) years of age.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.